

MAELOR RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT of the MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH and PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR for the Year ending 31st December, 1962

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To the Chairman and Members of the Maelor Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year 1962.

There has again been an increase in population slight though it may be. The Registrar General's Mid Annual estimate showing a rise of 10.

Once again there has been a fall in the number of births during the year, the number being 64 giving a birth rate of 13.9 compared with a total of 69 last year with a rate of 15.1 The number of deaths has also decreased being 44 compared with 59 for the previous year. Both the Birth Rate and the Death Rate are below the figures for England and Wales. It is pleasing to note that there were no deaths of infants during the year.

The incidence of infectious disease continues at a low level, there having been 4 notifications during the year. There were no cases of Diphtheria or Food Poisoning reported.

Housing has again been to the forefront in the work of the Department. Many houses are being brought up to modern standards and others have had repairs carried out as a result of informal action by the department. Individual houses which cannot be rendered fit at a reasonable cost are closed or demolished as the opportunity arises to rehouse the occupants. The Council's Slum Clearance Programme made no progress during the year due to unexpected delays in commencing a rebuilding programme. It is hoped that next year it will be possible to report good progress in this sphere.

I would once again like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for their co-operation, and the officers for their loyal support during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. CATHEART.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY.

Medical Officer of Health.

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Public Health Inspector.

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GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area...	29,749 acres.
Population	4,670
Rateable Value of District	£37,560
Product of a penny rate..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£140. 12. 11d.
Number of inhabited houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,470
Number of Council Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	158
Density of persons per house...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3.2

POPULATION TRENDS SINCE 1958.

1958.....	4,530 (Estimated)
1959.....	4,520 (")
1960.....	4,500 (")
1961.....	4,660 (")
1962.....	4,670 (")

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

Population (R.G. Estimate Mid-Annual) ... 4,670

Comparability Factor:-

Deaths ... 1.02

Births ... 1.02

BIRTHS.

During the year there were 64 births of which 39 were Males and 25 Females. This is a decrease of 5 over the previous year.

There was 1 illegitimate birth during the year.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Live Births (Legitimate).....	38	25	63
Live Births (Illegitimate).....	1	-	1
	39	25	64

Birth Rate per 1,000 population.....13.9
 England and Wales.....18.0
 Percentage of Illegitimate Live Births
 to total Live Births..... 1.5%

STILLBIRTHS.

There were no Stillbirths during the year.

DEATHS.

	Male.	Female.	Total
Deaths.....	21	23	44

Death Rate per 1,000 population.....9.6
 England and Wales.....11.9

The following table gives the causes of Death.

CAUSES.	Male.	Female.	Total.
1. Tuberculosis Respiratory.....	1	-	1
2. Tuberculosis Other	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic Disease	1	-	1
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8. Measles	-	-	-
9. Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	-	-	-
10. Malignant Neoplasm (Stomach)	1	-	1
11. " " (Lung and Bronchus)	1	-	1
12. " " (Breast)	-	2	2
13. " " (Uterus)	-	1	1
14. Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms	1	3	4
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-
16. Diabetes	1	-	1
17. Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	3	4	7

	Male.	Female.	Total.
18. Coronary Disease (Angina)	2	3	5
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease	-	1	1
20. Other Heart Disease	1	1	2
21. Other Circulatory Disease	1	1	2
22. Influenza	-	-	-
23. Pneumonia	-	-	-
24. Bronchitis	1	-	1
25. Other Disease of Respiratory System	1	-	1
26. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	1	-	1
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	-	-	-
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	1	1
29. Hyperplasi of Prostate	-	-	-
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	-	-	-
31. Congenital Malformations	-	-	-
32. Other defined and ill-defined Diseases	1	4	5
33. Motor Vehicle accidents	1	1	2
34. All other accidents	3	1	4
35. Suicide	-	-	-
36. Homicide and Operations of War	-	-	-
TOTALS	21	23	44

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

There were no deaths of infants under the age of 1 year.

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY.

There were no deaths of infants under the age of 4 weeks.

EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY.

There were no deaths of infants under the age of one week.

MATERNAL MORTALITY.

There were no deaths due to childbirth during the year.

CANCER DEATHS.

There were 9 deaths from Cancer during the year compared with 13 for the previous year. The Cancer deaths decreased by 6 in Males and increased by 2 in Females. There was one death from Lung Cancer, the same figure as for the previous year.

Ratio of Cancer deaths to total Deaths..... 1:4.9
 Percentage of Cancer Deaths to total Deaths..... 20.5%

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Stomach	1	-	1
Lungs and Bronchus	1	-	1
Breast	-	2	2
Uterus	-	1	1
Others	1	3	4
	3	6	9

HEART DISEASE.

Heart Disease was responsible for 8 deaths compared with 20 in 1961. Of these, 3 were Males and 5 were Females.

The percentage of deaths from heart disease to total deaths is 18.2% compared with 33.9% in 1961.

PULMONARY CAUSES.

There were 3 deaths from Pulmonary causes compared with 9 in 1961.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
T.B. Respiratory	1	-	1
Pneumonia	-	-	-
Bronchitis	1	-	1
Influenza	-	-	-
Others	1	-	1
	3	-	3

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

During the year, 4 infectious disease notifications were received as compared with 83 notified the previous year. This large figure was due to a measles epidemic, whereas there have been only two cases of measles notified this year.

There were no cases of Poliomyelitis.

There were no Food Poisoning notifications received and there were no cases of Diphtheria reported.

Pulmonary Tuberculosis notifications during the year numbered 2 compared with 6 for the previous year, there being one Male and one Female affected. Any contacts are X-rayed and skin tested and 13-14 year olds are given B.C.G. inoculations when necessary.

The following tables give details of the cases notified:-

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Disease.	Total Cases Notified.	Total Deaths.
Small Pox	-	-
Scarlet Fever	1	-
Diphtheria	-	-
Enteric Fever	-	-
Pneumonia	1	1
Cerebro Spinal Fever	-	-
Measles	2	-
Whooping Cough	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
Dysentery	1	-
Mumps Meningitis	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-
Typhoid & Paratyphoid	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS.

Tabulated New Cases for 1962.

Age Groups.	Respiratory.		Non-Pulmonary.		Total.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Under 1	-	-	-	-	-
1 to 5	-	-	-	-	-
6 to 10	-	-	-	-	-
11 to 25	-	-	-	-	-
26 to 35	-	-	-	-	-
36 to 45	-	-	-	1	1
46 to 55	-	-	-	-	-
56 to 65	1	-	-	-	1
65 and over.	-	1	-	-	1

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS)
(Arranged according to age)

DISEASE.	Under 1	1 to 2	3 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 44	45 to 64	65 Plus	Total
Small Pox.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever.....	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Diphtheria.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric Fever.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles.....	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2
Whooping Cough.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery.....	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Mumps Meningitis.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid & Paratyphoid...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals.	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	4

DIPHTHERIA.

Diphtheria Prophylactic Antigen is used by Medical Practitioners for the immunisation of children in the area.

The County Council offer immunisation in the Child Welfare Clinic at Penley. Standard practice now is early protection beginning at three months with Diphtheria Pertissus Prophylactic, in addition many school children are given booster inoculations in schools at the age of 5/6 years.

In spite of the absence of Diphtheria in the area, efforts are continually being made to obtain full protection against the disease.

POLIOMYELITIS IMMUNISATION.

Good progress has again been maintained in Polio immunisation, and the response from members of the Public continues to be good.

H O U S I N G.

Progress has been maintained during the year in the improvement of housing conditions in the area. Action has been taken under both the Public Health and Housing Acts to improve the structural repair of houses, although it has not been necessary to resort to the service of notices to have the majority of these repairs carried out. There is an excellent spirit of co-operation in the district as a result of which the Public Health Inspector is able to deal with most cases informally, although inevitably there are occasions when it is necessary to serve formal notices.

The clearance of unfit houses in the area has not been as good as was hoped. This was entirely due to lack of re-housing facilities. The development proposed for Overton was anticipated to be completed before the end of the year, but due to unforeseen difficulties this was not possible. However, it is hoped that next year will see this programme completed and also further schemes put in hand for other parishes.

The overcrowding survey mentioned in my report of last year is now in hand, but due to the many calls on the time of my staff, progress has inevitably been slow.

The response to the two grant schemes continues at a steady pace, but the indications are that in the coming year, the number of applications will increase considerably. The reasons for this are two fold. Firstly, the department is to launch a publicity campaign to encourage people to take advantage of the grants, and in connection with this, the district will be surveyed on a parish basis to ascertain which houses are suitable for improvement. Secondly, it is anticipated that with the completion of the new sewerage and sewage disposal works at Bangor Isycoed, and subsequently at Overton, there will be a large number of applications from persons who for the first time will have main drainage available. It is known that many people living in the villages are delaying the provision of modern amenities until such time as main drainage is provided, because of the added cost of providing septic tank drainage for which there is no direct grant available. There is no doubt that in rural areas this is a major reason for the somewhat poor response to the grant schemes.

G L E A N F O O D.

The condition of the Food Premises in the district continues to be satisfactory and regular visits are made to all food premises by the Public Health Inspector.

W A T E R S U P P L Y.

The supply to the district continues to be good both as regards quantity and quality. Bacteriological samples are taken regularly and all samples have been satisfactory.

The main problem facing the Council now is providing piped supplies to the more isolated properties where the cost is very high. The Council are aware of the problems involved and intend to consider what can be done to provide a piped supply to every dwelling in the district.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The sewerage and sewage disposal scheme for Bangor Isycoed will be commenced early in the new year and will take approximately twelve months to complete. Provided there are no undue hold-ups, there is every possibility of the scheme for Overton being commenced immediately the Bangor scheme is completed. This will mean that the two largest villages in the district will have satisfactory drainage facilities.

The time is now opportune to consider what further schemes are necessary in the district. There are two villages which I consider to be in urgent need of main drainage, namely, Hammar and Horsemans Green. I consider that Hammar is the more urgent of the two as it is intended to build council houses there to rehouse slum clearance families from the surrounding areas. The existing drainage arrangements are extremely poor and frequent complaints are being received at the department regarding the conditions in the village. Horsemans Green although a smaller village, also has a drainage problem due to the geography of the area, and it is considered that it may be possible to devise some small scheme to improve the unsatisfactory conditions.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE HEALTH SERVICES
IN THE AREA.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The Bacteriological examination of water, milk, ice-cream and other foods is carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Chester.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

These facilities are under the control of the Flintshire County Council who have stationed a vehicle in the Maelor District.

HOSPITALS.

Infectious Diseases: Wrexham Isolation Hospital.

General: Hospitals outside the County are
used for General Cases :-
Royal Infirmary, Chester.
Wrexham War Memorial Hospital.
Maelor General Hospital, Wrexham.
Ellesmere Cottage Hospital.
Whitchurch Cottage Hospital.

MATERNITY.

Patients are admitted when necessary to a Maternity Hospital at Wrexham, this being outside the County.

CLINICS.

A maternity and Child Welfare Clinic is held at Penley on the first and third Thursday in every month, where as in previous years valuable help has been provided by a Ladies Voluntary Committee to whom I would once again like to express my appreciation.

APPENDIX.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1962 FOR THE RURAL DISTRICT OF MAELOR IN THE COUNTY OF FLINTSHIRE.

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act. 1937

PART I OF THE ACT.

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority.	13	54	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	3	6	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority. (excluding out-workers premises)	1	3	-	-
Total.	17	63	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars. (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient.	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable.	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT.

OUTWORK.

(Sections 110 and 111)

There are no outworkers in the District.

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To the Chairman and Members of the Maelor Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my fourth Annual Report on the work of the Public Health Department.

Once again the emphasis during the year has been on Housing, where steady progress has been maintained in bringing about better housing conditions within the district. The response to the Improvement Grant schemes has again been disappointing, and a considerable amount of time has been spent interviewing owners in an effort to persuade them to carry out improvements. It is to be hoped that this time has not been wasted and that the fruits of these labours will be seen in the near future.

Whilst priority has been given to Housing, the other aspects of Public Health work have not been neglected and as will be seen from this report, a fair amount of work has been devoted to these aspects.

It has been a disappointing year for Slum Clearance, Due to delays in completing the purchase of land in Overton, no progress has been made in clearing the unfit houses, but this should be rectified in the new year. It is hoped that building sites will also be obtained in the parishes of Bangor Isycod and Worthenbury.

Work has commenced on the Overcrowding survey, but I regret that due to pressure of other work, it is progressing rather slowly.

I would once again like to express my appreciation of the consideration received from the Council, and of the valuable and willing help extended to me by the Officials and Staff of the Council.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant.

S.J.V. JAMES.

Public Health Inspector.

Tabulated Summary of Sanitary Administration.

Total number of inspections made	3,398
Total number of Complaints received	42
Total number of interviews with owners etc	81

BED BUGS.

Number of inspections made	152
Number of Council Houses found to be infested	Nil
Number of other Houses found to be infested	Nil

CLOSETS.

Number of water closet compartments cleansed	1
Number of water closets repaired or reconstructed	4
Number of flushing cisterns repaired or renewed	2
Number of new water closet pans or pedestals provided	18

DRAINS.

Drains constructed or reconstructed	19
Repaired or cleansed	3
Ventilated	1
New inspection chambers	37
Tests to existing drains	4
Tests to new drains	17
New sinks fitted	19
Sink waste pipes repaired or renewed	4

FACTORIES.

Number of Factories in District (Mech)	13
Number of Factories in District (Non-Mech)	3
Number of inspections made	63
Number of contraventions found	Nil
Number of contraventions remedied	Nil
Number of contraventions outstanding at end of year	Nil

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Number of investigations carried out	3
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OFFENSIVE TRADES.

Number of businesses in District	Nil
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RODENT CONTROL.

The number of infestations reported during the year and dealt with by this department shows a slight decrease on the previous years figure. There have been no major infestations reported, all infestations having been of a very minor degree.

A large number of farms in the district make their own private arrangements for dealing with any infestations which may arise on their premises, and this department is normally only called in to private dwellings etc.

Number of premises inspected	577
Number of premises found to be infested	53
Number of visits made	788

REFUSE COLLECTION.

This service has again operated without fault during the year and regular collections have been maintained. A new refuse collection vehicle was put into service by the Contractor during the year and this has improved the service to quite a degree.

The practice of indiscriminate tipping appears to be on the decrease and I would again like to thank the Contractor for his assistance in removing these eyesores from the countryside.

Although the summer months were not particularly hot, the refuse tips were regularly treated with tip dressing to reduce the fly population. Regular surveys were also made to check on possible rat infestations, and I am glad to be able to report that no infestations were found.

Number of new dustbins provided by Informal Action	72
Number of new dustbins provided by Statutory Action	Nil
Amount of refuse collected during the year	412 Tons

SANITARY DEFECTS REMEDIED.

Dampness.

Number of roofs repaired or renewed	12
Number of rainwater gutters and downspouts repaired or renewed	10
Yard surfaces repired or relaid	7
Yard drainage improved	9

Interior work.

Number of rooms cleansed	-
Number of walls repaired	11
Number of ceilings repaired	4
Number of floors repaired	8
Number of chimney stacks repaired or rebuilt	3

SANITARY DEFECTS REMEDIED (Cont)

Number of firegrates repaired or renewed	13
Dampness remedied	16
Offensive accumulations removed	3
Number of doors and windows repaired or renewed	16
Number of staircases repaired	6
Ventilation improved	6
Sufficient water supply provided	14

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

There is only one factory chimney in the District, this being an aluminium smelting factory. There are several oil burning plants at schools and churches, and at the Penley Polish Hospital there are three sectional boilers which are coke fired. No nuisances are being caused by any of these plants. A new brickworks is opening outside the village of Overton in 1963, but as yet no details of the plant are available.

Number of smoke observations made	4
Number of visits made	4
Number of notices served	-

CARAVANS.

There are five licensed sites in the District. One of these is a holiday site licensed for 15 caravans and the remaining four sites are single residential caravans. All sites are frequently visited and conditions are satisfactory. At various times during the year, I have found caravans stationed on scattered sites around the district, but after warning letters were sent to the respective owners, the caravans were removed.

Number of Licensed Sites	5
Number of inspections made	42
Number of contraventions found	Nil

WATER SUPPLY.

The Council is the water undertaking for the District with the exception of Bangor Isycoed, which is supplied by the Wrexham and East Denbighshire Water Company. The water is supplied by the Liverpool Corporation whose main aqueduct passes through the centre of the district. The supply is satisfactory both as regards quality and quantity.

Further improvements were carried out by the Council during the year and several extension schemes were completed. Owing to the age of some of the mains, the chief emphasis during the year has been on improving existing supplies.

The percentage of properties in the District provided with a piped water supply has risen to 94.6% an increase of 2.1% over last year.

WATER SUPPLY (Cont).

Number of samples taken for examination	12
Number of samples satisfactory	12

The distribution of supplies in the District is given in the following table:-

Parish.	Population.	No. of Houses with piped supply.	No. of Houses using standpipes.	% with piped supply.
Bangor	529	171	-	97.1
Bettisfield.	265	81	-	93.1
Bronington.	488	144	-	89.4
Halghton.	307	81	-	91.0
Hanmer.	323	89	-	95.7
Iscoyd.	385	101	-	93.5
Overton.	1035	347	6	97.9
Penley.	791	112	-	97.4
Tybroughton.	169	49	-	96.0
Willington.	272	90	-	95.8
Worthenbury.	326	104	-	94.5

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

There has been no improvement in the drainage arrangements in the district during the year. However, work is commencing early in the new year on the Bangor Iscoed scheme which should be completed by the end of the year. Good progress is also being made in preparing the Overton scheme and it is hoped that work on this scheme will commence as soon as the Bangor scheme is completed.

The drainage in the village of Hanmer is causing some concern, and in my opinion it is becoming more and more urgent to consider a main drainage scheme for the village, particularly in view of the fact that it is intended to make Hanmer the main centre for re-housing slum clearance families from the surrounding areas. Preliminary discussions have been held with the Consultant Engineers regarding this, and I recommend that this be now followed up with a view to preparing a full scheme. Urgent consideration should also be given to the drainage of the village of Horsemans Green, where existing conditions are unsatisfactory.

HOUSING

The past year has been a very disappointing one as regards progress on the Slum Clearance programme. Due to unforeseen difficulties it was not possible to complete the purchase of the necessary land for new houses before the end of the year and therefore the whole programme has been delayed 12 MONTHS. However it is hoped that better progress will be made in 1963 and that before the end of the year, the Overton programme will

HOUSING (Cont).

be complete and a start made in the Parishes of Bangor Isycoed and Worthenbury.

A start was made during the year with an overcrowding survey. Owing to pressure of other work, progress has been slow. 208 houses have been visited in connection with this and so far only one case of overcrowding has been found.

Although the number of applications received for improvement grants has remained fairly steady, the response is still disappointing. It has been decided that a survey of houses be made on a Parish by Parish basis with a view to persuading owners of suitable properties to carry out improvements. As an added incentive, the Council have decided that in approved cases they will make loans to applicants to assist them to meet their share of the cost. It has been found in many instances that this lack of capital on the part of owners has prevented them from carrying out improvements.

The number of applications for Standard Grants decreased from 19 to 15, of which 14 were approved. There were 10 applications for Discretionary Grants compared with 5 the previous year. Since the grant schemes were introduced there have been 44 applications for Discretionary Grants and 73 for Standard Grants. This represents approximately 15% of those properties considered suitable for improvement.

Number of Discretionary Grant applications received	10
Number of applications approved.	9
Total amount of Discretionary Grants approved	£3029
Number of improvements completed during the year	5
Number of Standard Grant applications received	15
Number of applications approved	14
Number of improvements completed during the year	12
Total amount paid to owners during the year	£1640
Standard Amenities provided:-	

Baths.....	12
Washbasins.....	12
Hot Water Supply...	12
Water Closets.....	12
Food Stores.....	3

Housing Applications.

There are at present 64 applications for Council Houses on the waiting list, made up as follows:-

Living in Apartments

Within the district..... 13 Outside the district..... 2

Householders.

Within the district..... 40 Outside the district..... 9

HOUSING (Cont)

Remedy of Defects during the year without service of Formal Notices.

Number of informal notices served.....	29
Number of dwellings where defects were remedied in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers.....	52

Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

A. Proceedings under the Public Health Act, Section 93.

(1) Number of dwellings in respect of which Abatement Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.....	5
(2) Number of dwellings in which defects were remedied after service of Formal Notices.....	6
(3) Number of notices outstanding at end of year.....	Nil

Section 45.

(1) Number of dwellings in respect of which Notices were served requiring defective water closets to be repaired.....	3
(2) Number of dwellings where defective water closets were repaired after service of Formal Notices.....	3
(3) Number of Notices outstanding at end of year.....	Nil

Section 39.

(1) Number of dwellings in respect of which Notices were served for the renewing or repairing of existing drains.....	4
(2) Number of dwellings where existing drains were renewed or repaired.....	5
(3) Number of Notices outstanding at end of year.....	Nil

Section 138, and Water Act, 1945 - Section 30.

(1) Number of dwellings in respect of which notices were served requesting owner to provide water supply in pipes.....	1
(2) Number of dwellings in which water supply was provided after service of Formal Notice.....	1
(3) Number of Notices outstanding at end of year.....	Nil

HOUSING (Cont)

B. Proceedings under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957.

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| (1) | Number of dwellings in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs..... | Nil |
| (2) | Number of dwellings which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notices..... | 1 |
| (3) | Number of Notices outstanding at end of year..... | 3 |

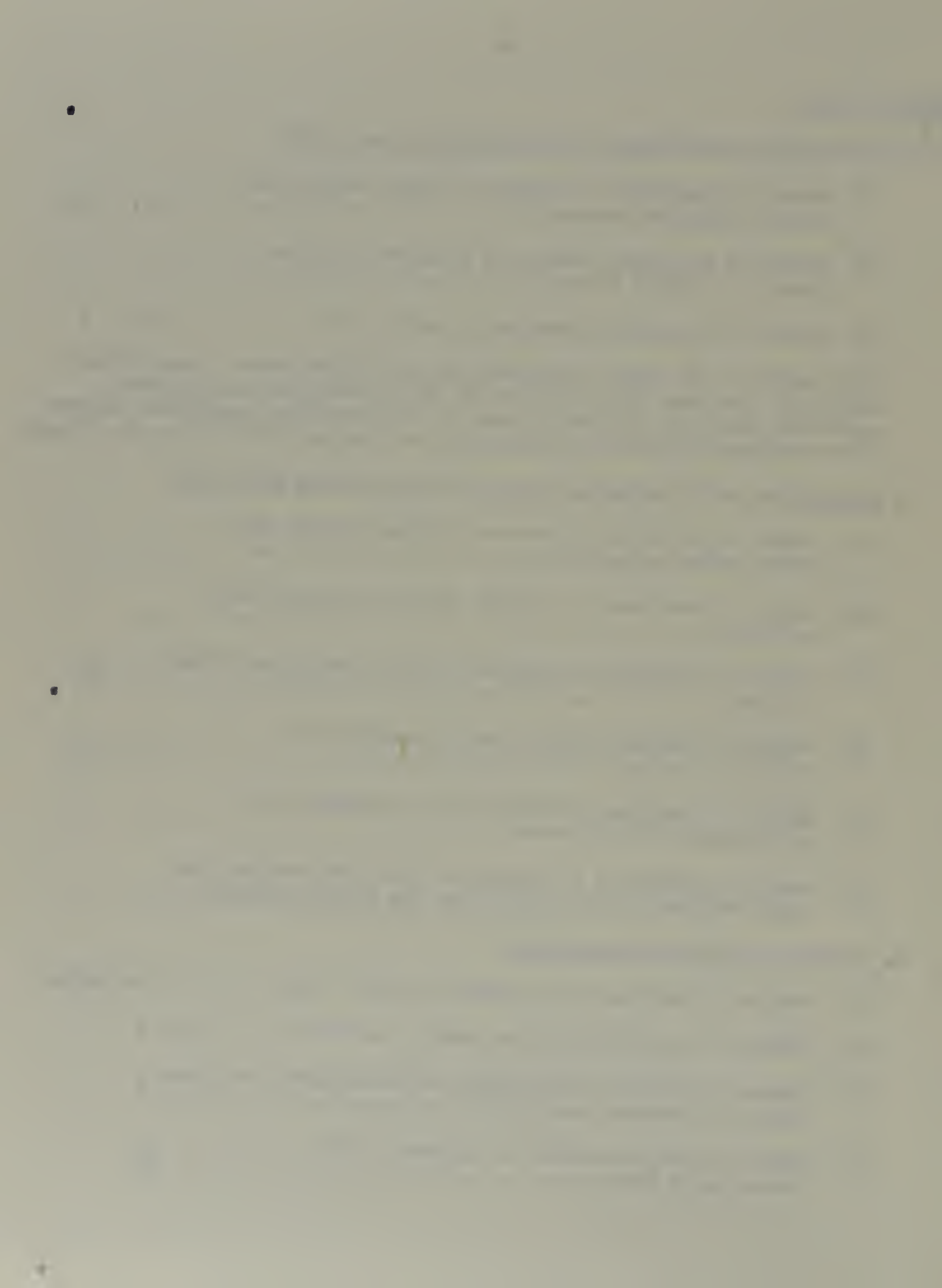
With regard to the three outstanding notices listed above, considerable difficulty has been experienced as to the ownership of the property concerned, and this has led to delay in the work being completed. However it is anticipated that the notices will be complied with in the near future.

C. Proceedings under Sections 16 and 17 of the Housing Act, 1957.

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| (1) | Number of dwellings in respect of which Notices were served under Section 16..... | 3 |
| (2) | Number of dwellings in respect of which Closing Orders were made..... | 3 |
| (3) | Number of dwellings in respect of which Demolition Orders were made..... | Nil |
| (4) | Number of dwellings demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders..... | Nil |
| (5) | Number of dwellings rendered fit in consequence of Undertaking given by owner..... | 3 |
| (6) | Number of dwellings in respect of which Undertaking from Owner accepted not to relet house for human habitation..... | 1 |

D. Housing Act, 1957 - Overcrowding.

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| (1) | Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year..... | Not known. |
| (2) | Number of new cases reported during the year..... | 2 |
| (3) | Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year. 1
Number of persons concerned in such cases..... | 6 |
| (4) | Number of houses visited in connection with Overcrowding Survey..... | 187 |



PETROLEUM REGULATIONS.

There are at present 43 premises within the District licensed to store Petroleum Spirit. Of these, 12 are filling stations, and the remainder, farms and business premises. Periodic inspections are made of all premises.

SUPERVISION OF FOOD SUPPLIES.

The following table gives details of the number and type of food premises within the district, and the number of inspections made during the year.

	<u>No. in District.</u>	<u>No. of inspections.</u>
Bakehouses.....	1	10
Butchers Shops.....	3	71
Cafes, Snack Bars.....	6	62
Dairies and Milk Shops.....	3	12
Fried Fish Shops.....	1	12
Fruit and Greengrocers.....	5	41
General Provisions.....	19	207
Hotels and Public Houses.....	9	36
Ice-Cream Premises.....	17	102
Other Food Premises.....	3	22

A great deal of attention has again been paid to Food Hygiene and it is pleasing to report that the standard of hygiene in all shops is satisfactory. Further improvements have also been noted in the condition of mobile food shops which are very prevalent in the area. The day of the converted van or bus appears to have disappeared, a fact which no Public Health Official will mourn. More and more properly designed vehicles are coming into use. This trend is more than welcome.

MILK AND DAIRIES ADMINISTRATION.

The County Council are now the responsible authority for this, but this department does co-operate with the County Public Health Inspector, when requested.

Routine sampling of milk continued during the year and I give below the results of these samples.

Number of samples taken.....39

(1) School Milk (Pasteurised)

Total number of samples taken..... 5
Total number of samples satisfactory..... 5
Total number of samples submitted to Phosphatase Test.... 5
Number found satisfactory..... 5

MILK & DAIRIES (Cont)

(2) Designated Milks other than School Milks.

Pasteurised Milk.

Number of samples taken.... 9 Number satisfactory.... 9

Tuberculin Tested Milk.

Number of samples taken.... 7 Number satisfactory.... 7

T.T./Pasteurised Milk.

Number of samples taken.... 9 Number satisfactory.... 9

Sterilised Milk.

Number of samples taken.... 9 Number satisfactory.... 9

(3) Biological Testing for Tubercle Bacilli.

Five samples of the milks submitted for bacteriological examination were also examined for the presence of Tubercle Bacilli with negative results.

DUTIES RELATING TO THE ICE-cream.

There are 18 premises registered for the sale of Ice-Cream. Several mobile vendors visit the district and are frequently inspected.

The following samples were taken during the year:-

Bacteriological...12. Results:- Grade I - 11; Grade II - 1

MEAT INSPECTION.

The conditions in the three private slaughterhouses in the district remain satisfactory, and no contraventions of the Slaughterhouse Regulations have been noted.

Every effort is made to carry out 100% meat inspection, but so far this target has not been attained. Difficulties arise during absence on leave or sickness, but it is hoped that arrangements can be made to overcome this. If it is possible to reach some such arrangement, there will be 100% inspection. Slaughtering is normally carried out during office hours and very little overtime work is involved.

OTHER FOODS.

The amount of unsound food condemned during the year was again very small. The reason for this appears to be that shop keepers invariably either destroy any unfit food or return it to their suppliers. In neither case is the Health department called in.

Tinned Ham..... 21 lbs.

Bacon..... 15 lbs.

TABLE OF ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED DURING THE YEAR.

	CATTLE EXCLUDING COWS.	COWS.	SHEEP AND LAMBS.	PIGS.	CALVES.
Number Slaughtered.	229	-	862	419	1
Number Inspected.	221	-	838	407	1
<u>Disease Except Tuberculosis.</u> Whole carcasses condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	27	-	20	17	-
Percentage of No. inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis.	11.8%	-	2.3%	4.1%	-
<u>Tuberculosis.</u> Whole carcasses condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of No. inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	-	-	-	-	-
CYSTICERCOSIS. NO CASES.					

Total weight of meat condemned during the year:-

	Cwts. Qtr. lbs.		
Tuberculosis	-	-	-
Other Diseases	3	3	15
Total	3	3	15

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